

A veteran is a veteran

The War Memorial is quiet. Remembrance Day is past. Prayers said; tears shed; parades held; crowds cheered as veterans marched by, wreaths laid and the poppies have gone. As it is only fitting, we have paid tribute to our fallen comrades from sea to sea to sea and in many countries overseas.

Perhaps it is time for the Canadian population through their government to pay some small tribute to those veterans who served after the Second World War.

Millions of dollars will be spent on rebuilding older war memorials and on commemorating the War Of 1812. Surely funds can be found to ensure families can give their loved ones a proper burial. Surely the act that covers the availability of funds to assist veterans can be broadened to cover our modern-day veterans, whether they served during the Cold War, on peacekeeping duties or in conflicts in places such as Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Our modern-day veterans accepted the torch that was passed to them with honour and carried it high. That torch was also passed to the Canadian government. It is now time for that government to carry it with honour and to hold it high by ensuring that a veteran is a veteran for all purposes and all receive the same benefits.

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